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To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: SECURITY MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX

1. Recent events have necessitated an enhancement of the security measures in effect at United Nations Headquarters. As a first step in this enhancement, a card access system will be installed at the perimeter of the grounds as well as at the garage entry points. This will be an expansion of the card access system which has been introduced in recent years on a number of floors within the Secretariat and the DC buildings.

2. The perimeter and garage access systems, which incorporate the latest technology, necessitate the replacement of the current identification cards and parking permits with proximity cards. Unlike a swipe card which has to be inserted into a reader, the proximity card will, if worn or displayed visibly, permit the unhindered passage through any checkpoint.

3. The installation of proximity readers and mechanical access points will commence shortly, and it is anticipated that the system will be operational before the end of the year. Additional information, especially concerning the issuance of the new identification cards and parking permits, will be provided at a later stage.

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